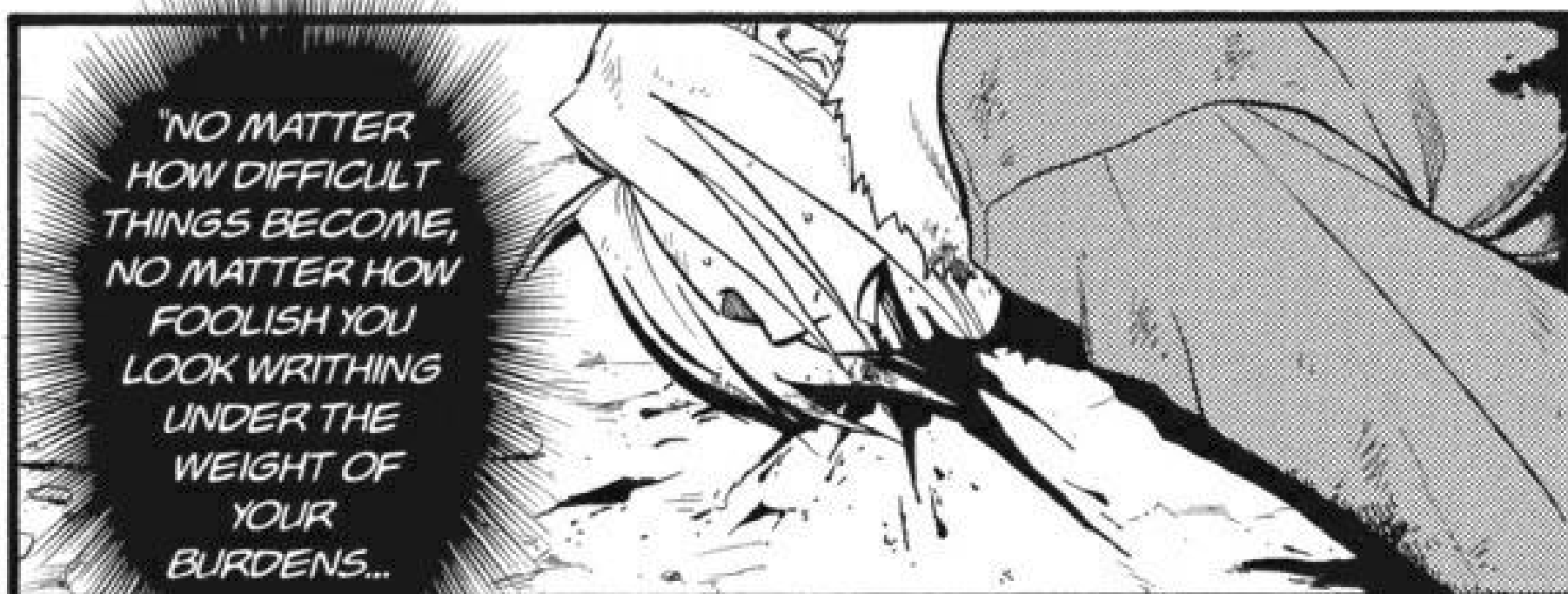




Chapter 77

**The Tables Are Turned; A New
Transmutation Circle**



"NO MATTER
HOW DIFFICULT
THINGS BECOME,
NO MATTER HOW
FOOLISH YOU
LOOK WRITHING
UNDER THE
WEIGHT OF
YOUR
BURDENS..."



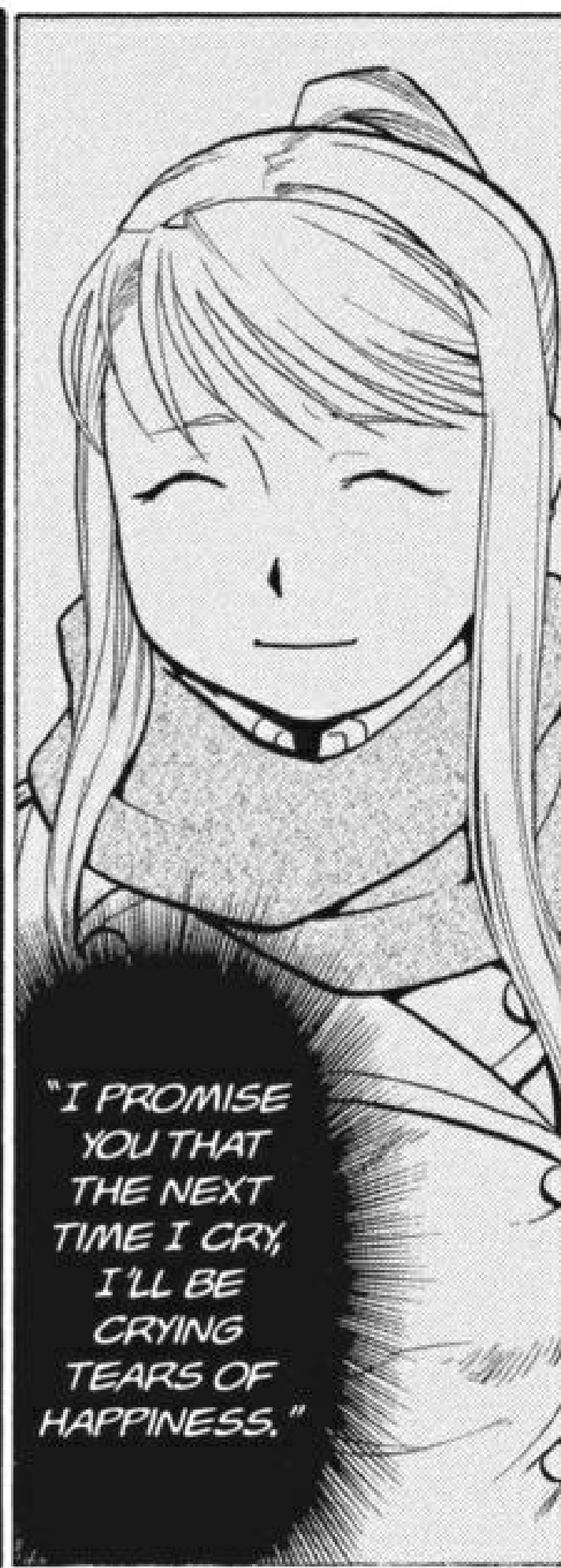
"...YOU HAVE
TO KEEP
LIVING FOR
THE PEOPLE
YOU LOVE."



"...YOU'LL
GET YOURS
BACK
TOO, BIG
BROTHER."

"I HOPE
THAT THE
DAY I
GET MY
ORIGINAL
BODY
BACK..."







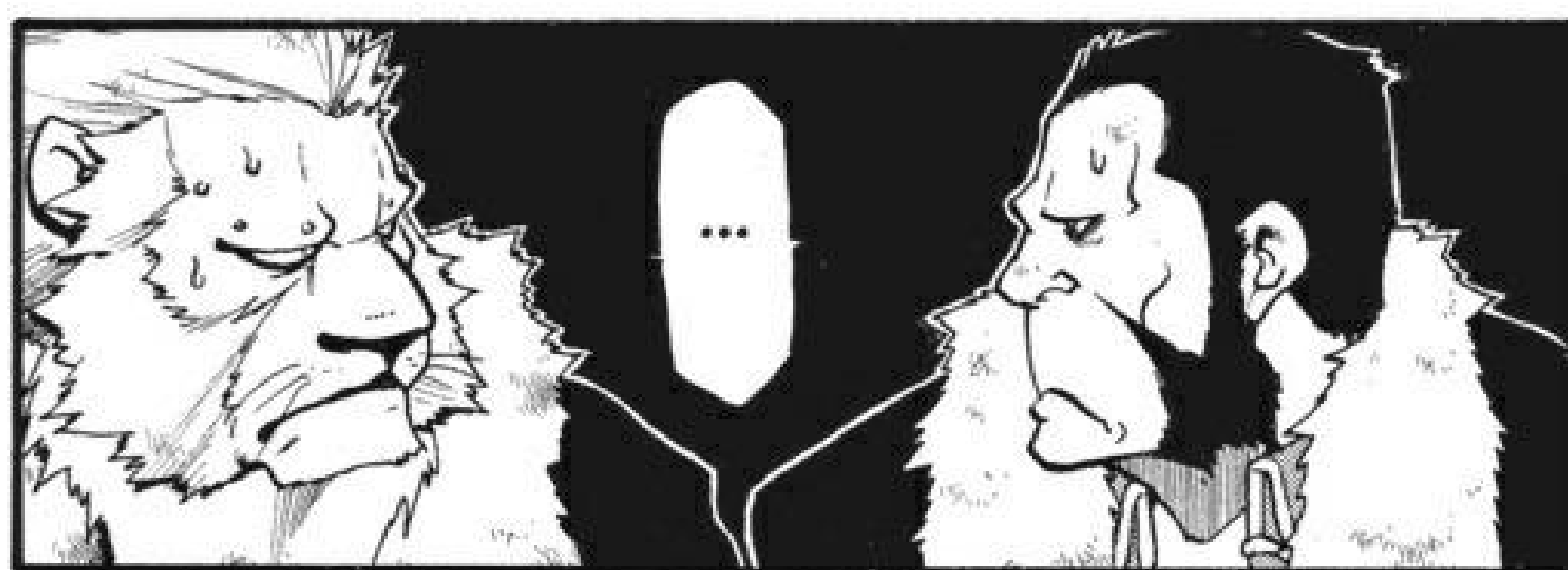




UH-HUH.
PLEASE...

BUT WE
WERE
ENEMIES
JUST A
SECOND
AGO. YOU
SURE?

YOU
WANT
US TO
PULL
OUT
THAT
METAL
BAR?



...



FUCH

WEE

I NEED...

...SOMEONE
TO...PULL
THIS
THING...
OUT OF...

FUCH

WEE

...MY
STOM-
ACH...



DO YOU
SPECIALIZE
IN
MEDICAL
ALCHEMY
?

...I'LL
CLOSE
THE
WOUND
WITH
ALCHEMY
BEFORE
THAT
CAN
HAPPEN.

THE
SEC-
OND
YOU
PULL
IT
OUT...



ERRIGH

HUP

WELL,
IT'S NOT
LIKE WE
HAVE
ORDERS
TO KILL
YOU...

LET'S
SEE...



YOU DO
REALIZE
THAT IF WE
PULL THIS
OUT, YOU'LL
BLEED TO
DEATH IN
MINUTES,
RIGHT?



...I DID SOME RE-SEARCH ON THE TOPIC.

WEEZE
HUF

...WHEN I AT-TEMPTED PHYSICAL TRANSMU-TATION...

HUF

WEEZE

LONG AGO...



I HEARD THAT WHEN SCAR IMPALED MR. KIMBLEE LIKE THAT, THE ONLY REASON THEY WERE ABLE TO SAVE HIM WAS BECAUSE THEY HAD THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE.

BUT YOUR INTERNAL ORGANS MUST BE ALL MESSED UP...



GAKH

WEEZE
WEEZE

?



A...ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH THAT?

OF COURSE, IT MIGHT TAKE SOME YEARS OFF MY LIFE-SPAN...



IT WAS MY NAÏVETÉ THAT GOT ME INTO THIS SITUATION. I HAVE TO GET MYSELF OUT OF IT...

THERE'S NO TIME TO WAVER.



I'LL USE MY LIFE ENERGY...

...TO BOOST MY POWER.





I'M A
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE
WITH ONE
SOUL'S
WORTH OF
ENERGY
IN IT.

RRRRGH...

REMEMBER...

...HOW
IT
FELT...

...AT
THAT
MO-
MENT.

HOW IT
FELT WHEN
I USED
ENVY'S
PHILOSOPHER'S
STONE...

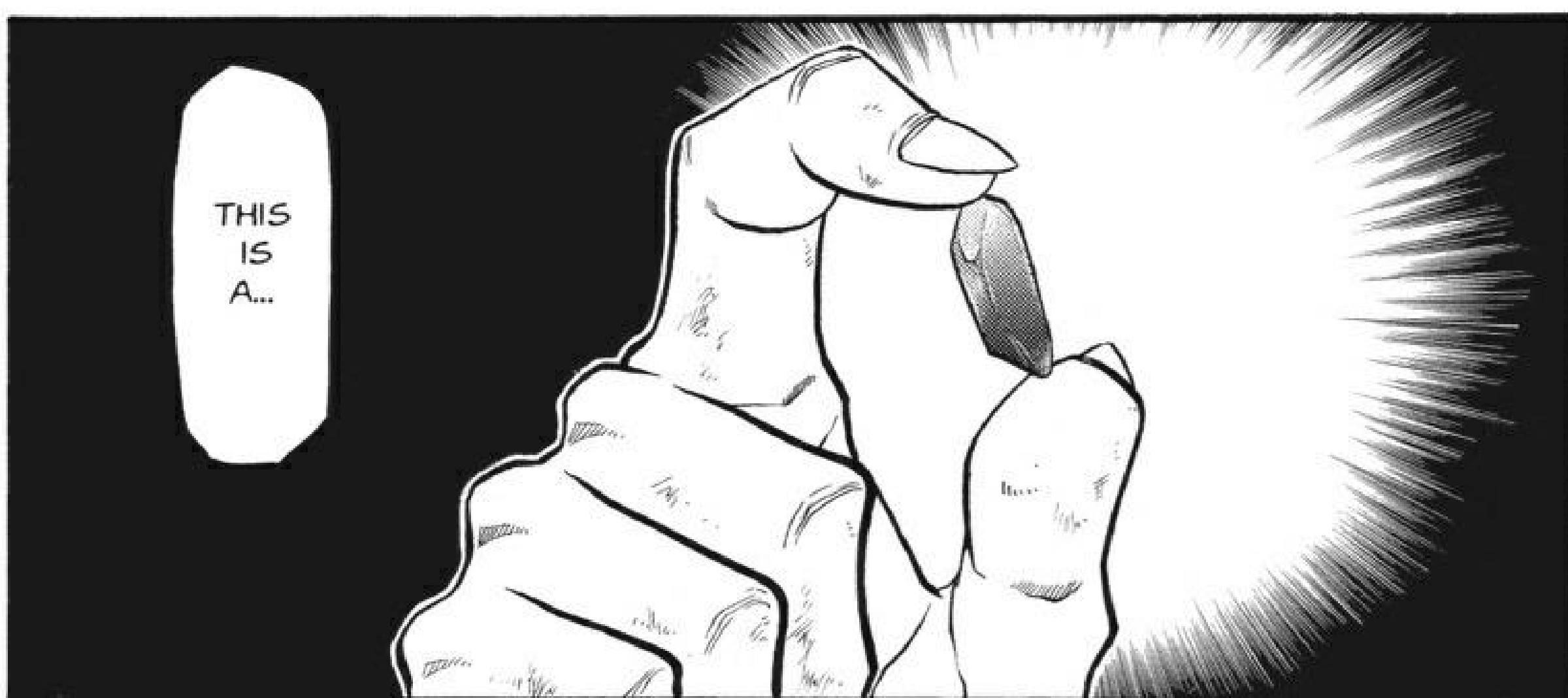


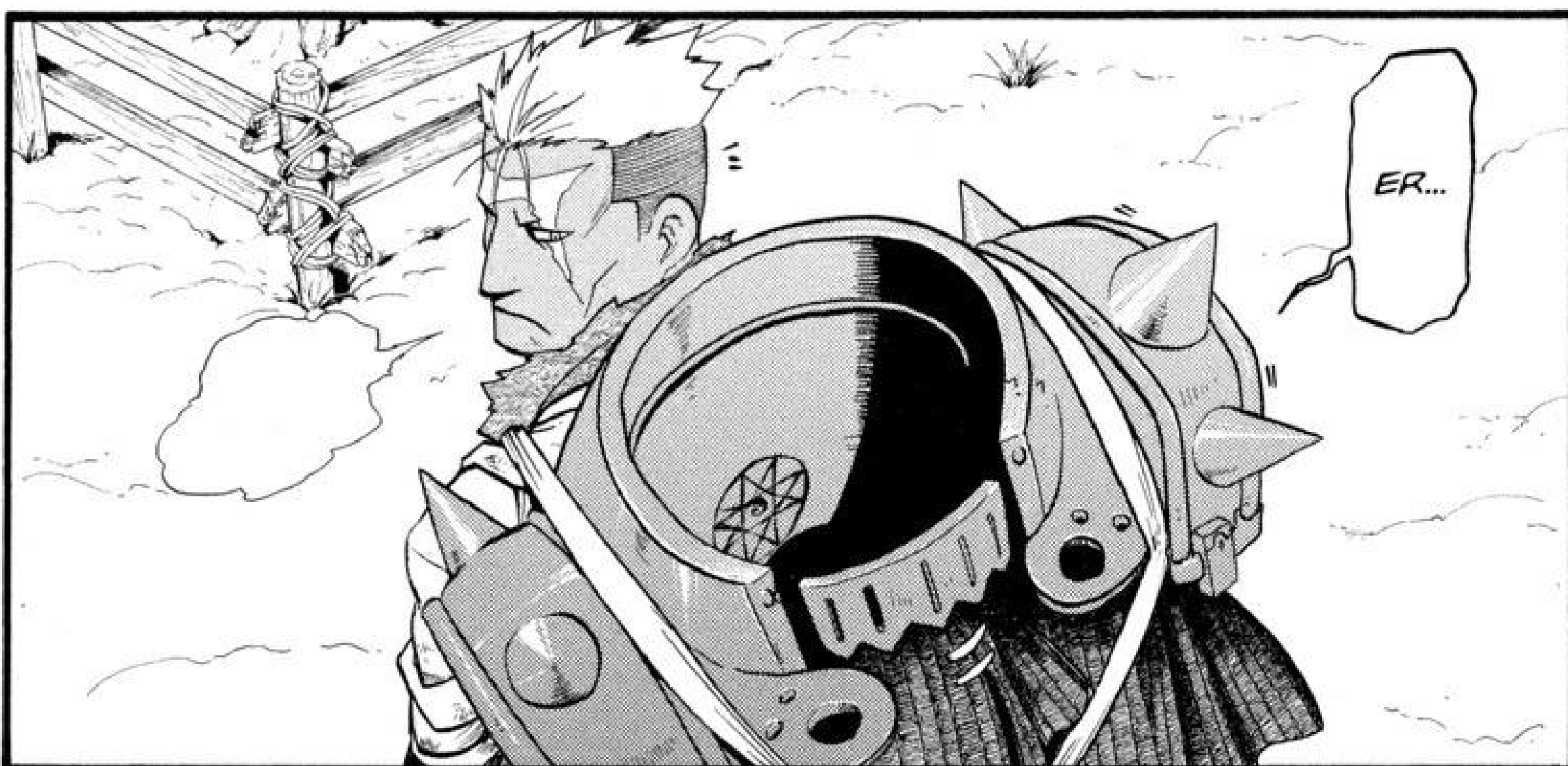
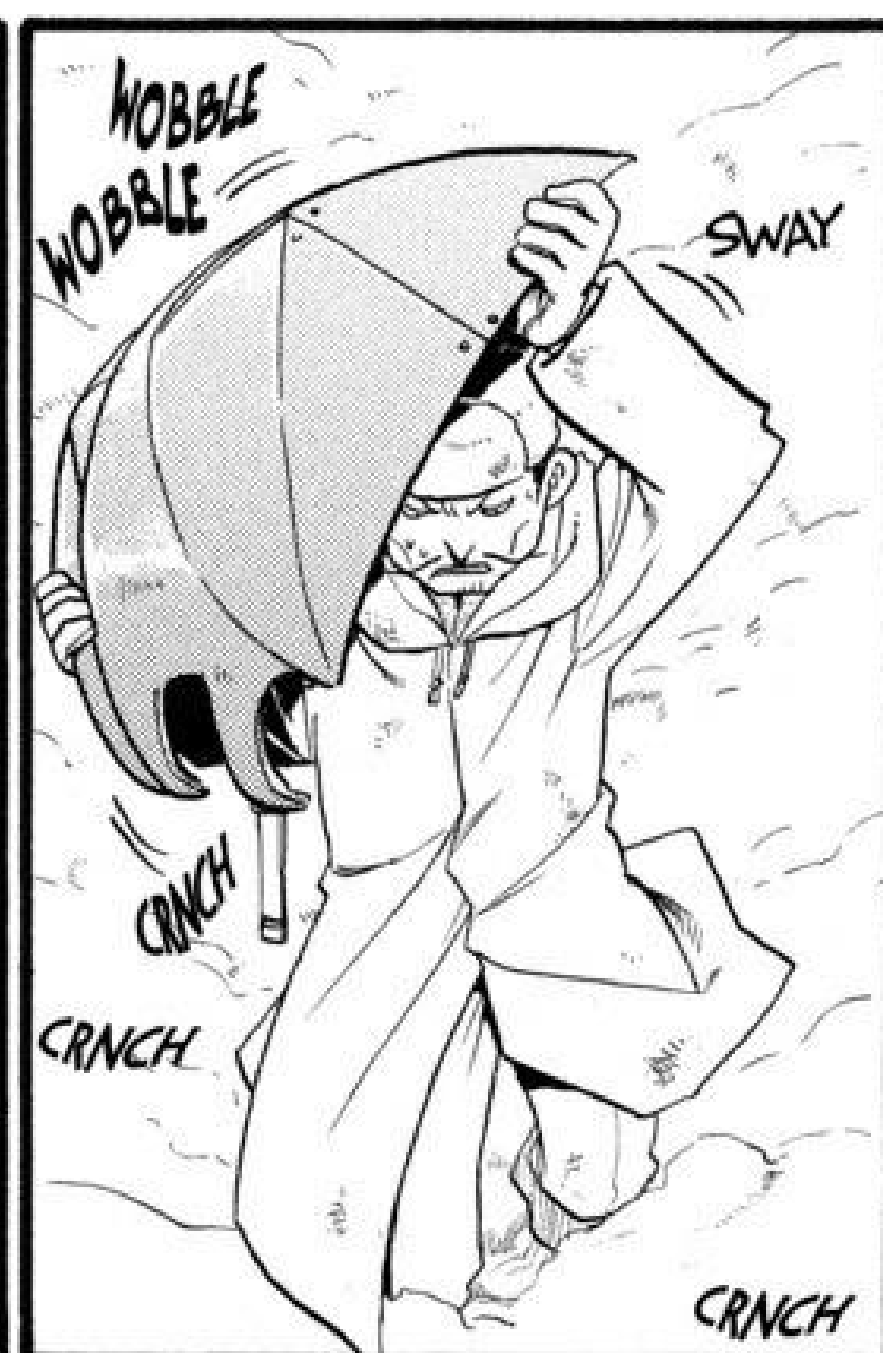
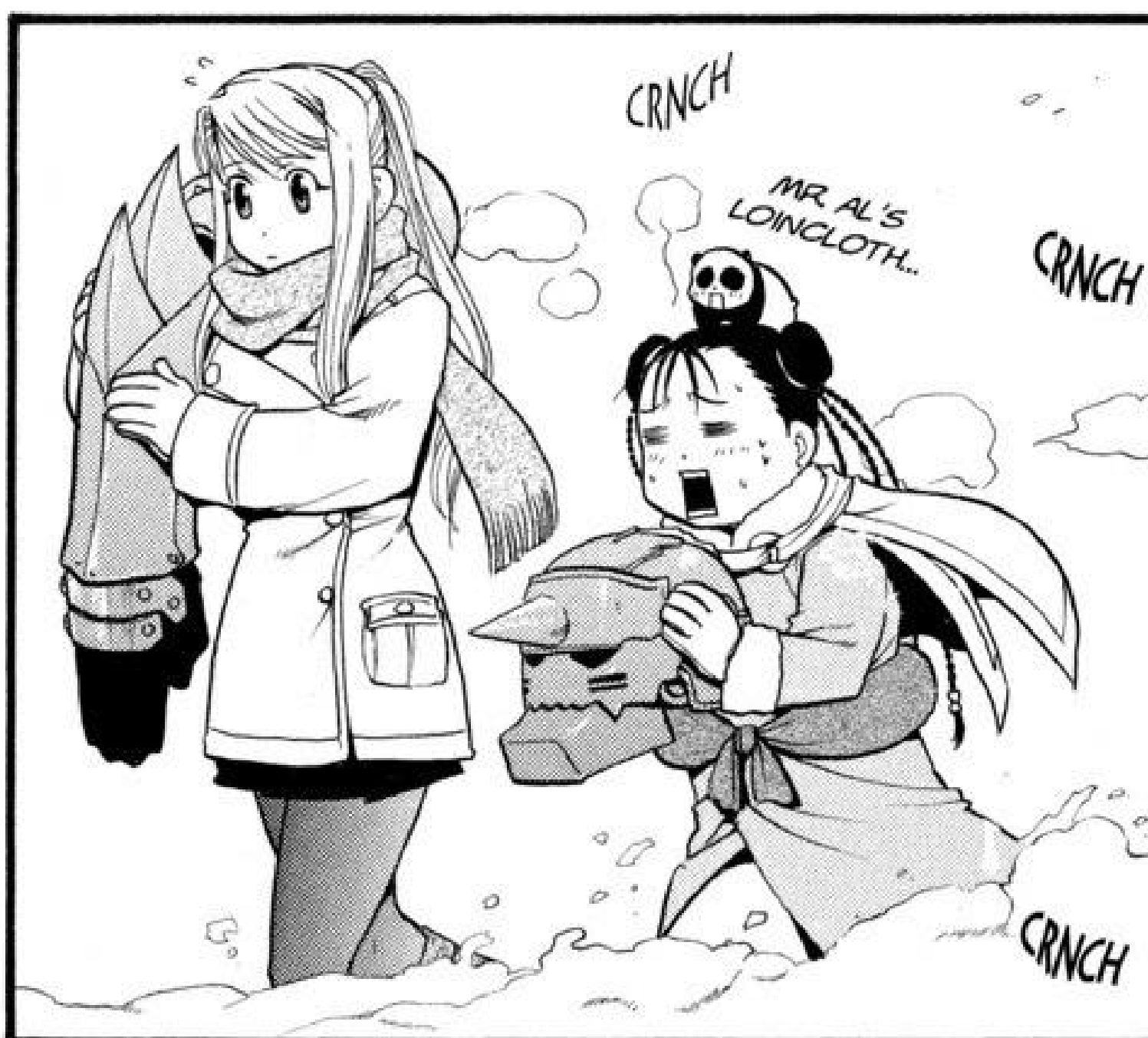
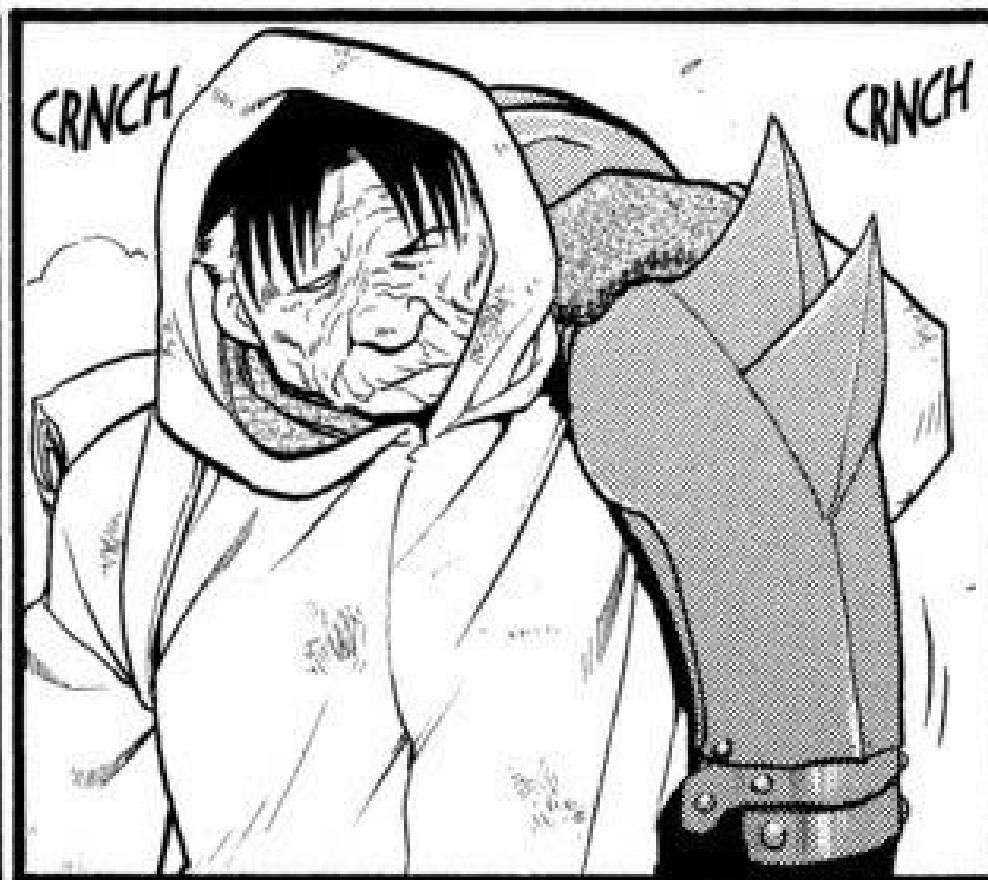
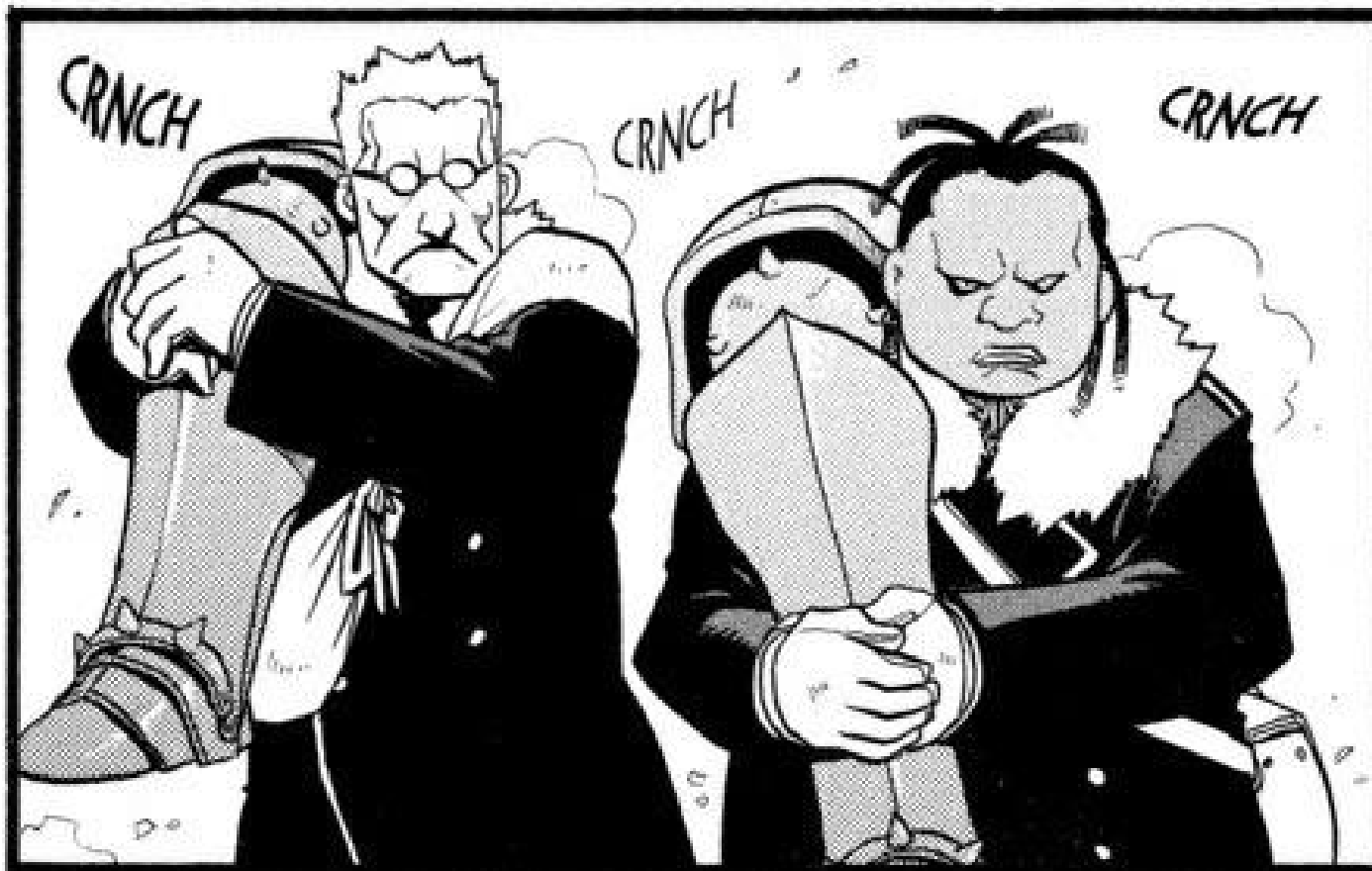














HEY, WHY AM I IN PIECES?!

YOU'RE AWAKE? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



AL !!

WIGGLE WIGGLE

WHA...?

HUH?

MR. AL!!



YOU FAINTED ALL OF A SUDDEN.

WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?!

WHAT A RELIEF... I THOUGHT YOU'D **NEVER** REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS...



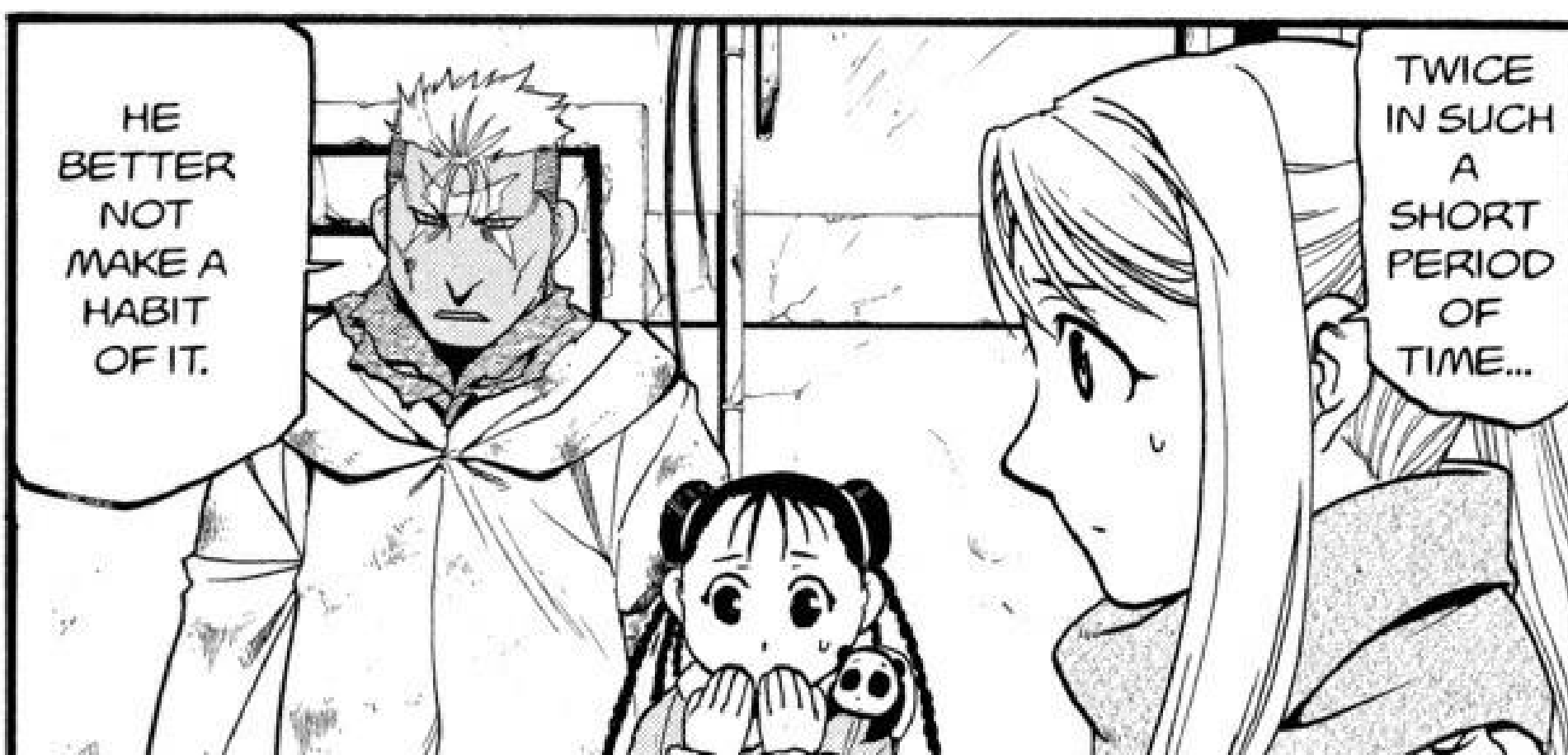
BAD TIMING. SORRY TO BE SUCH A BURDEN.

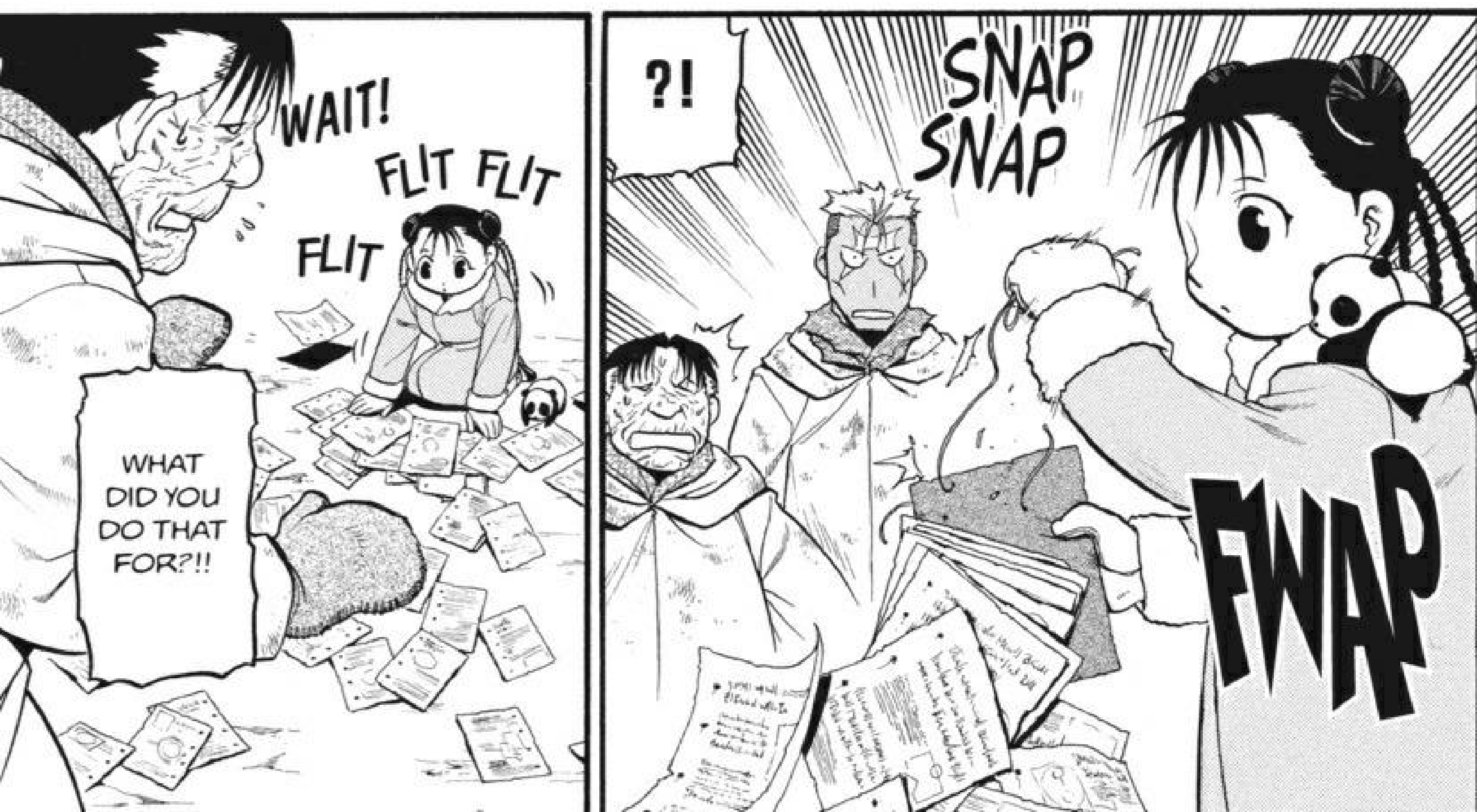
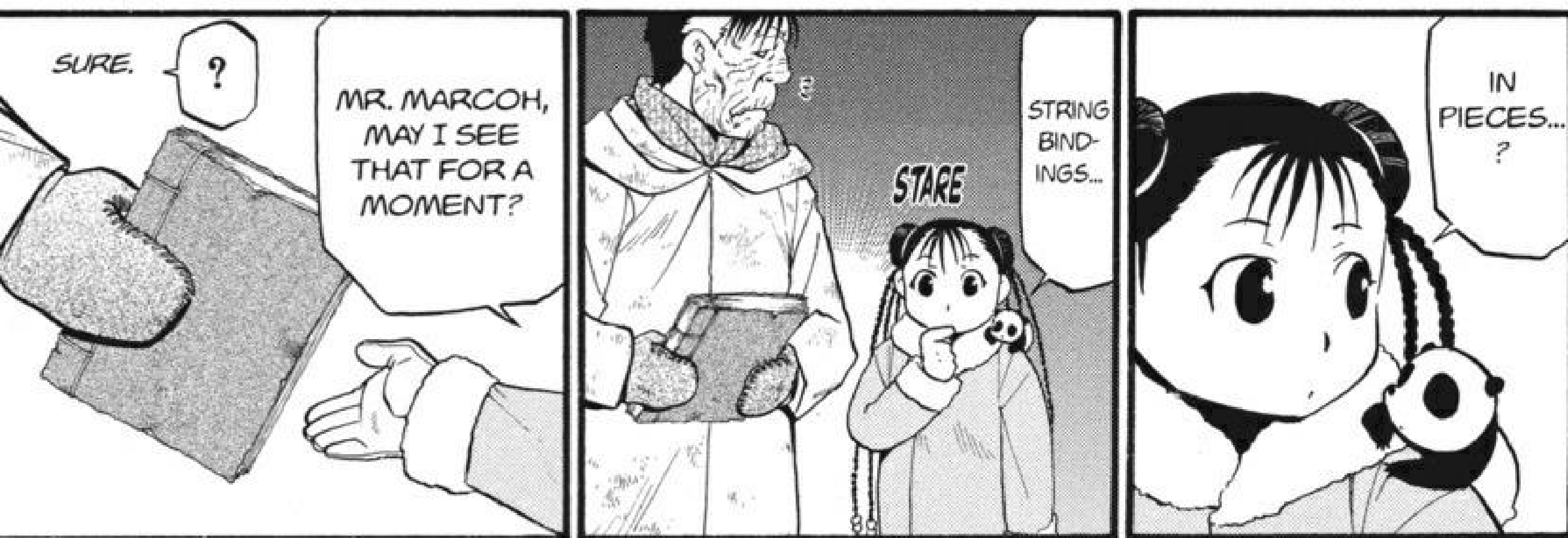
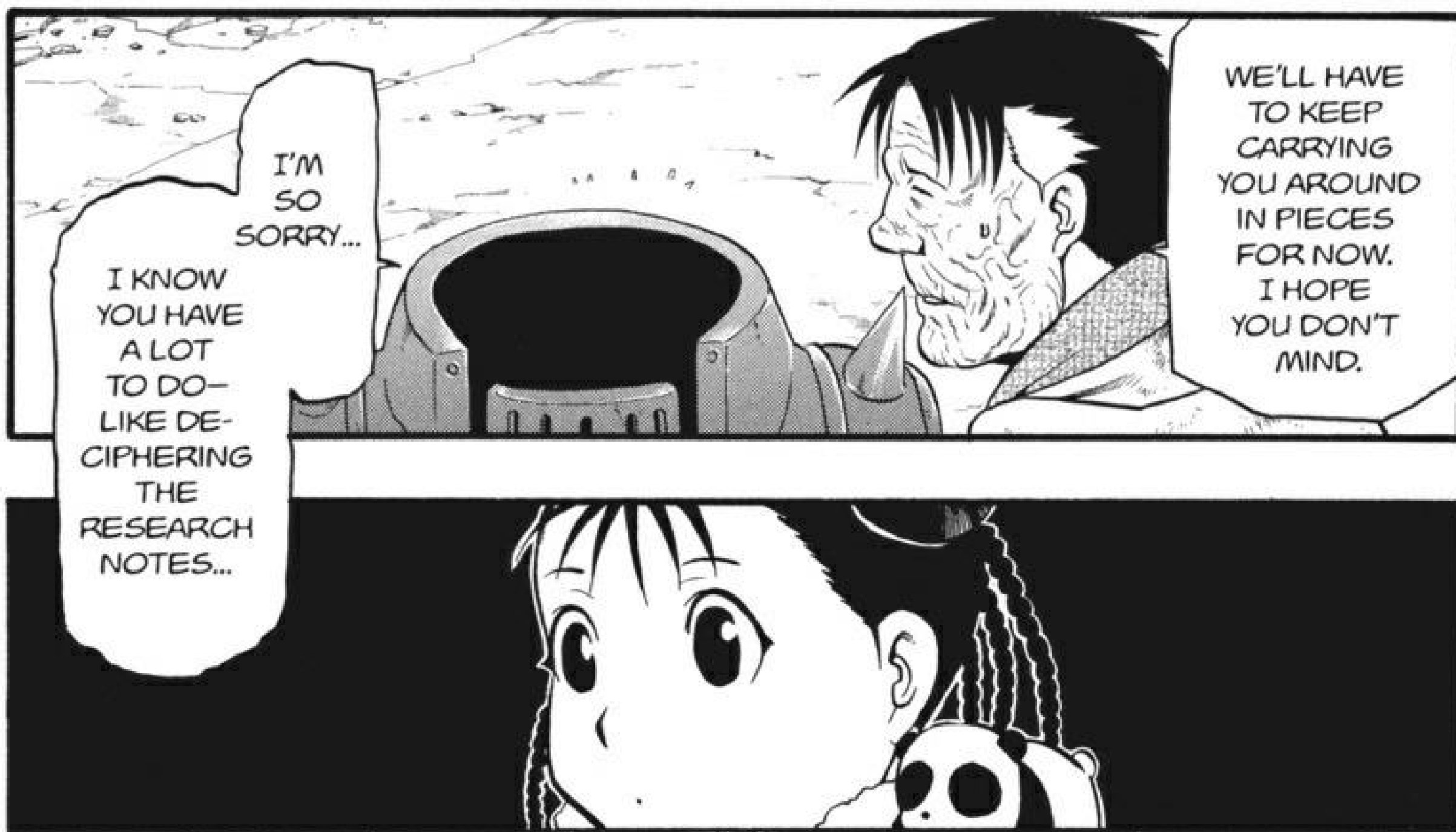
SORRY, GUYS...



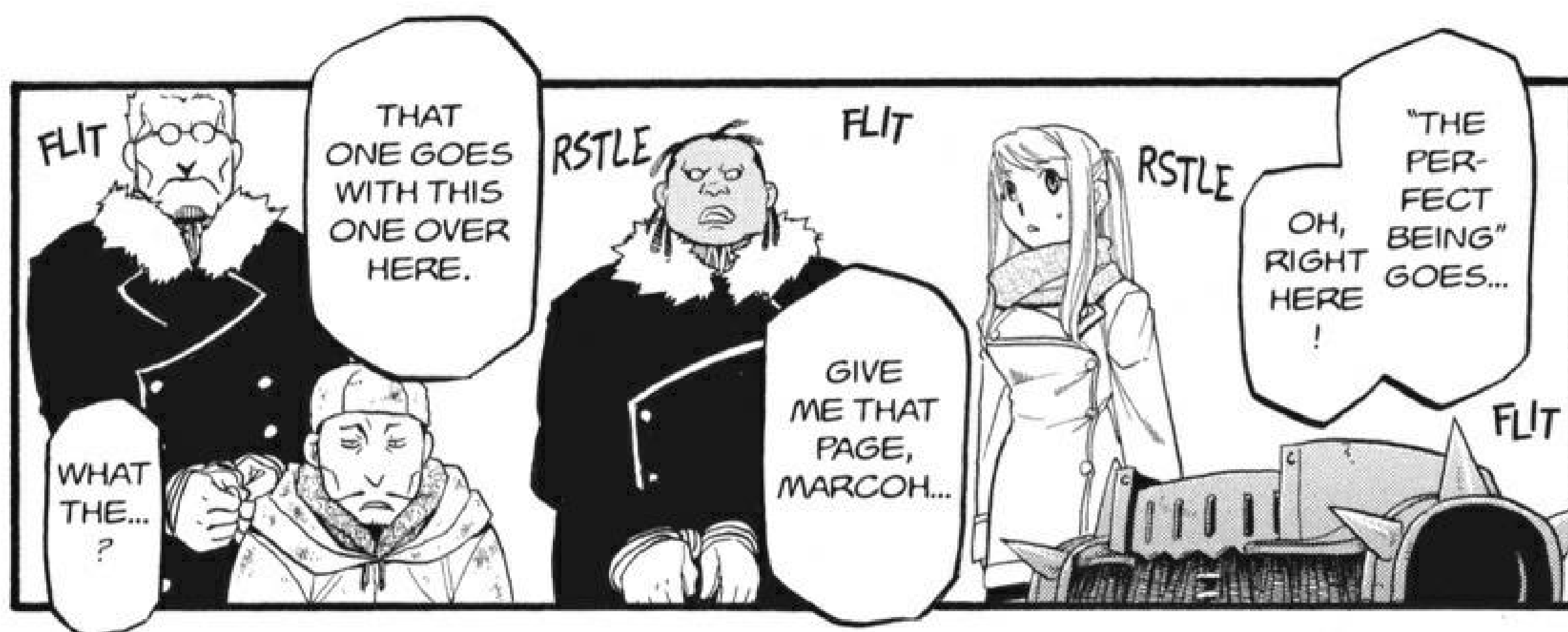
YOU'RE TOO HEAVY TO CARRY WHOLE, SO WE HAD TO DISASSEMBLE YOU.

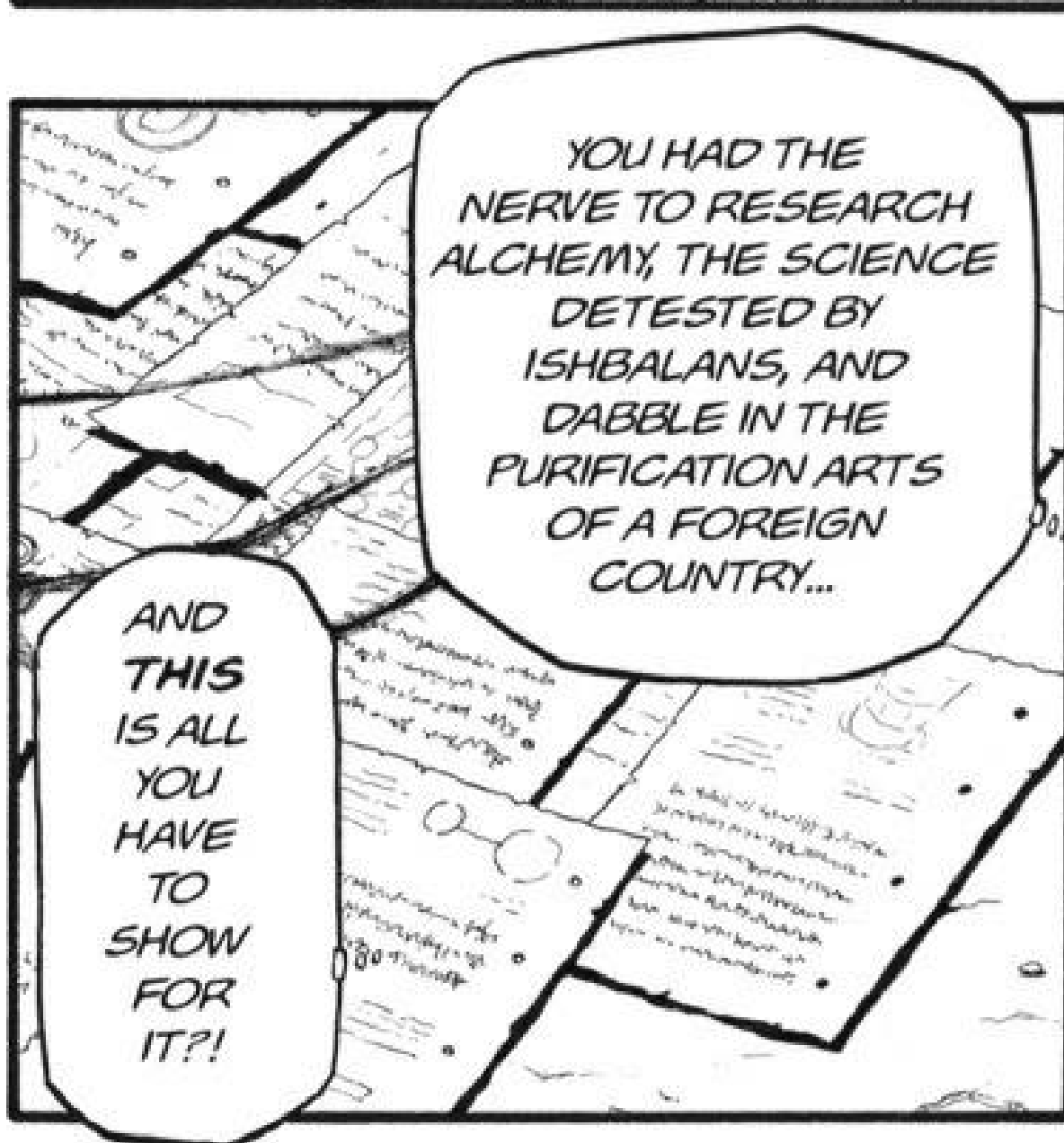
OH...

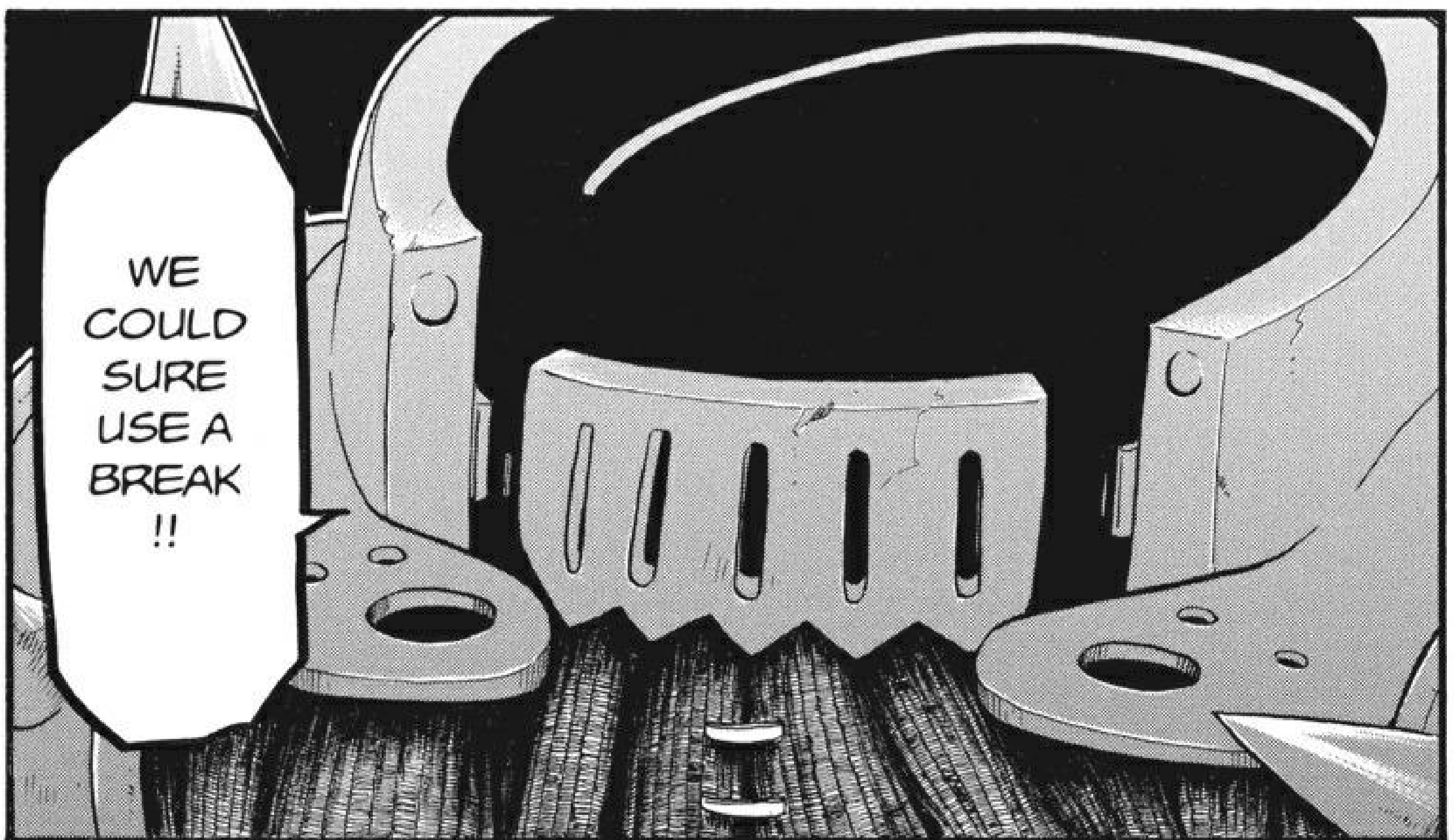
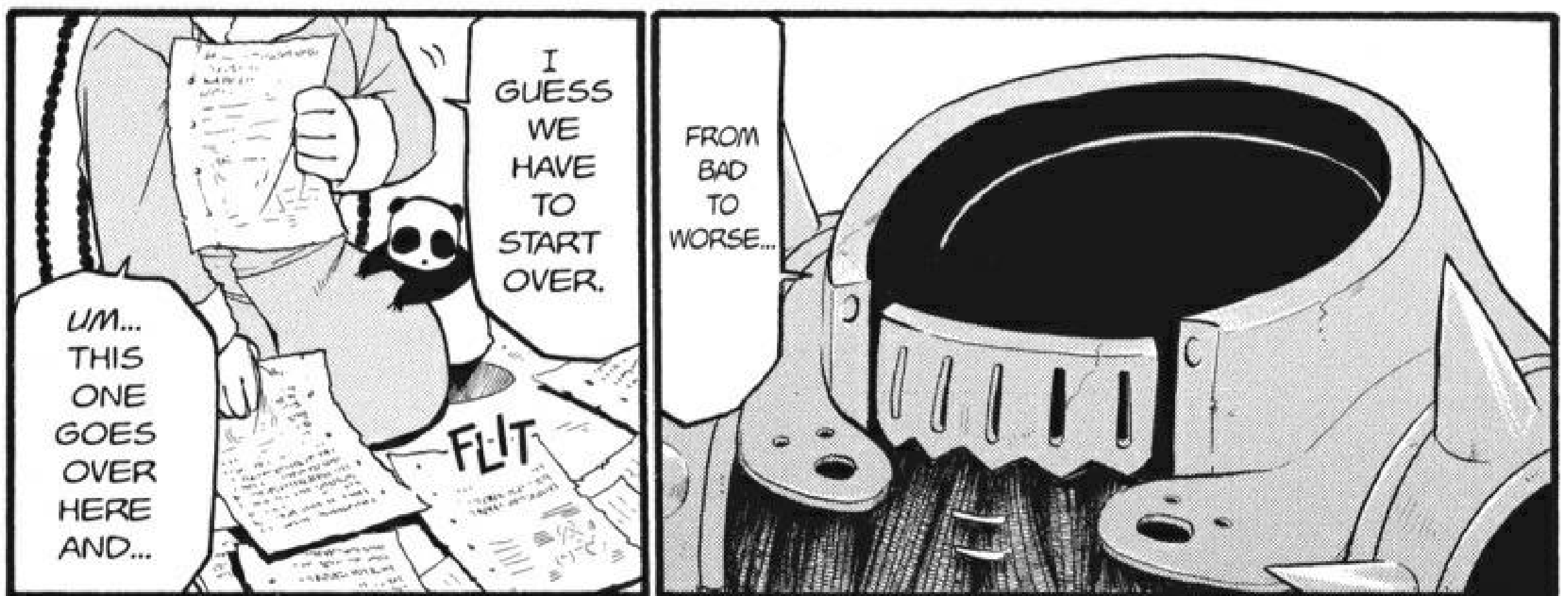
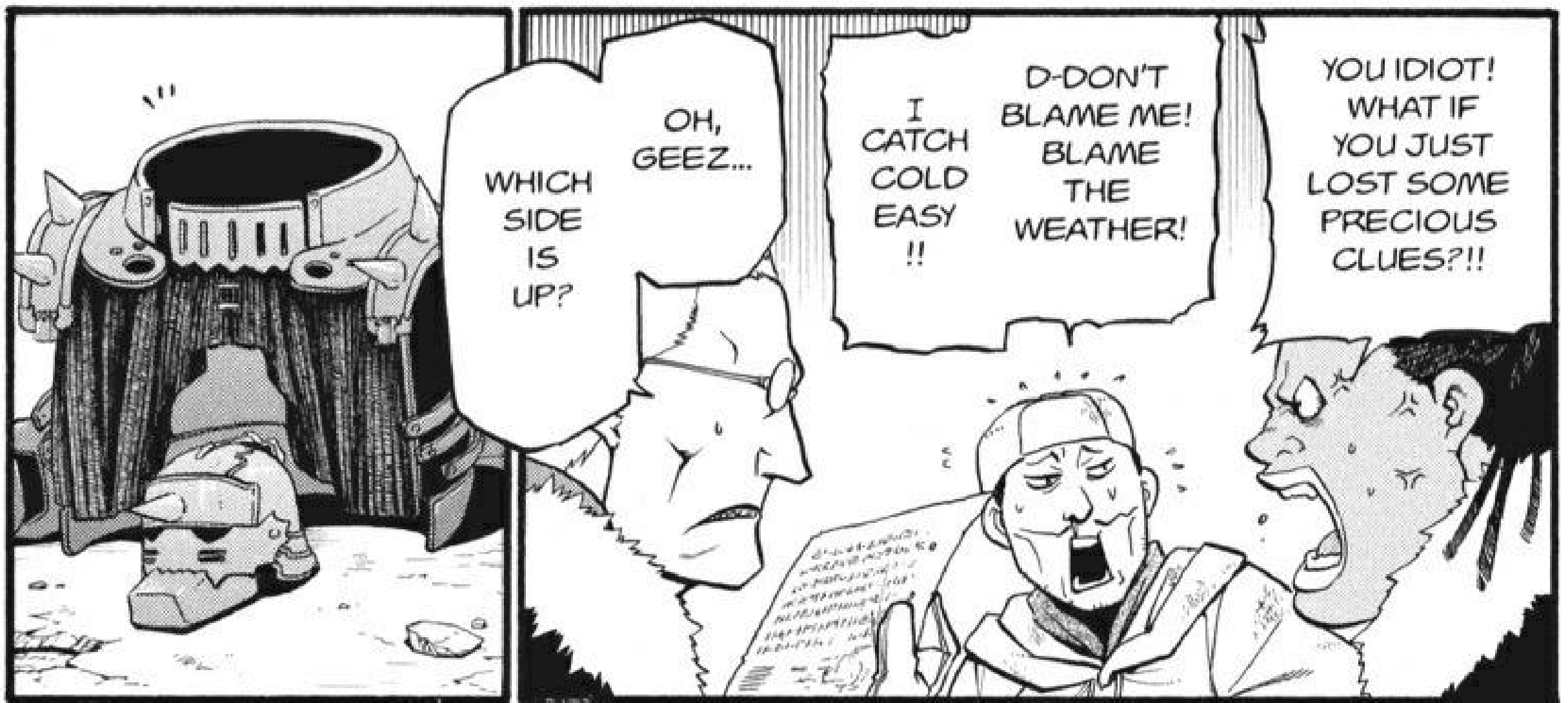


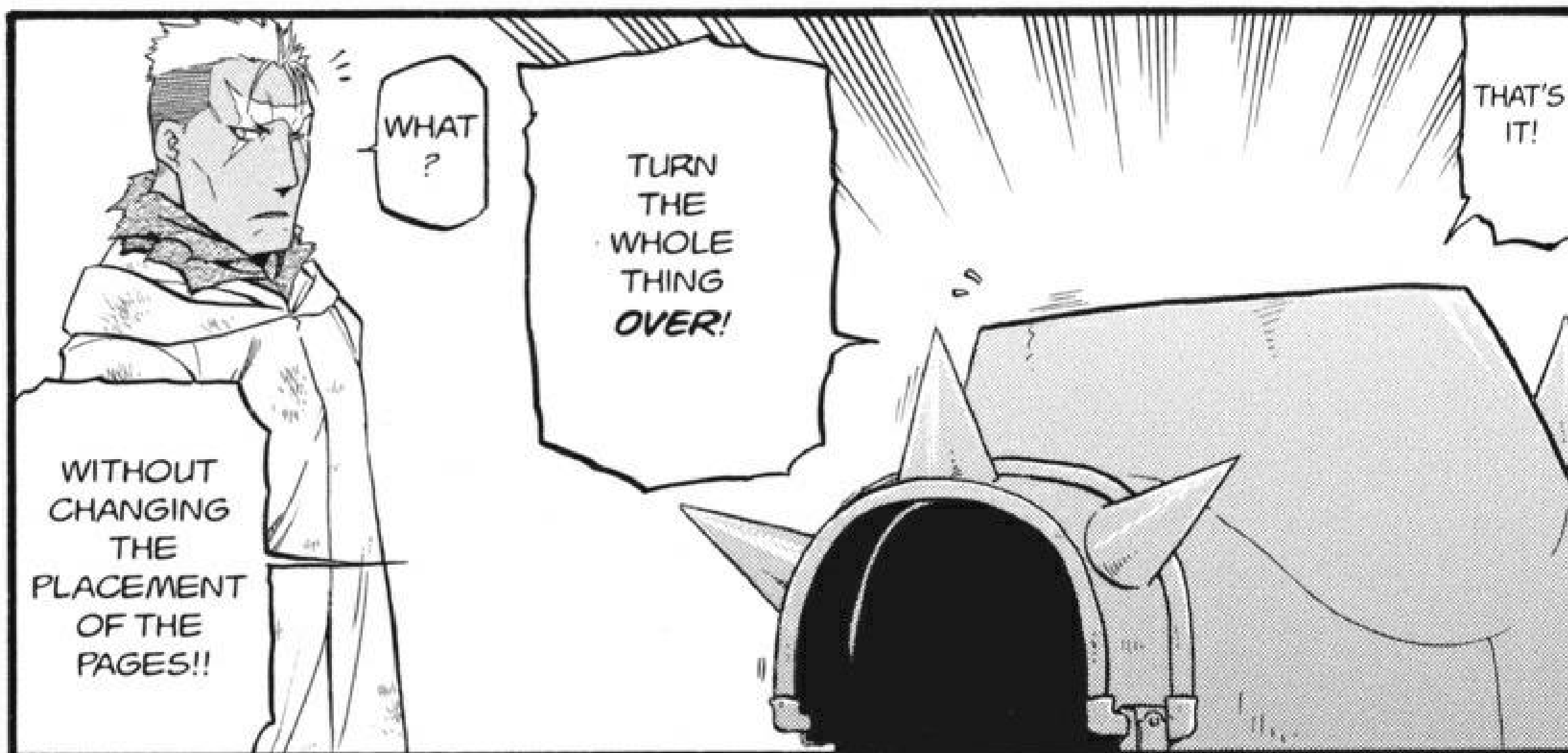










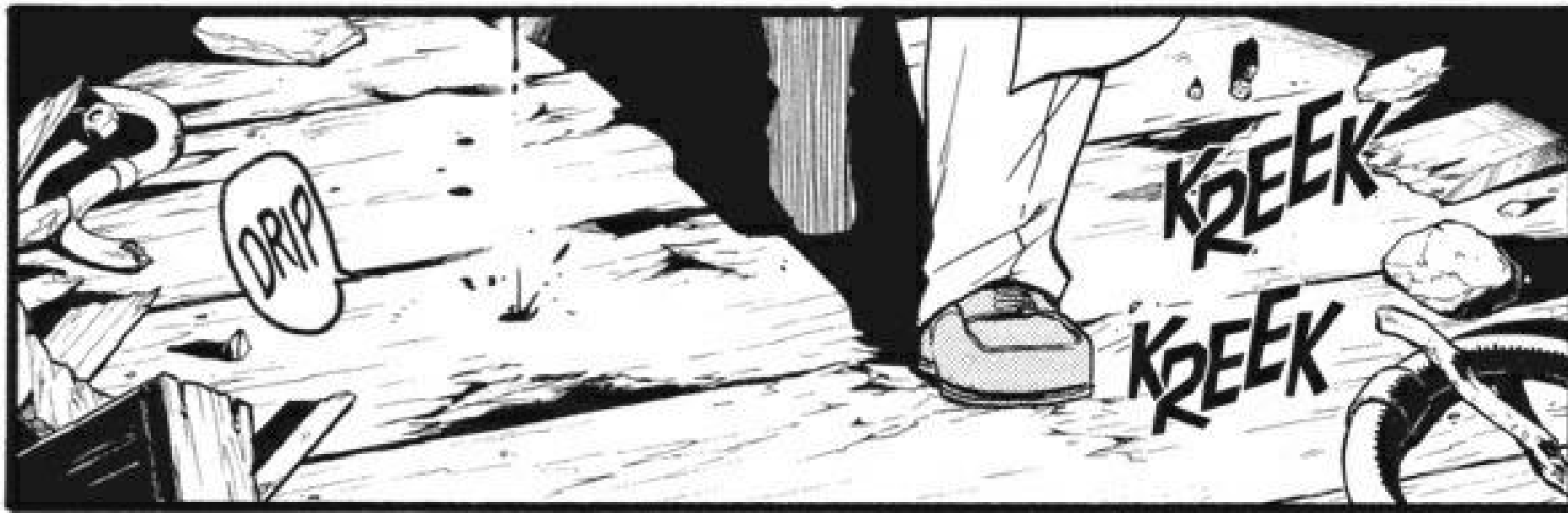


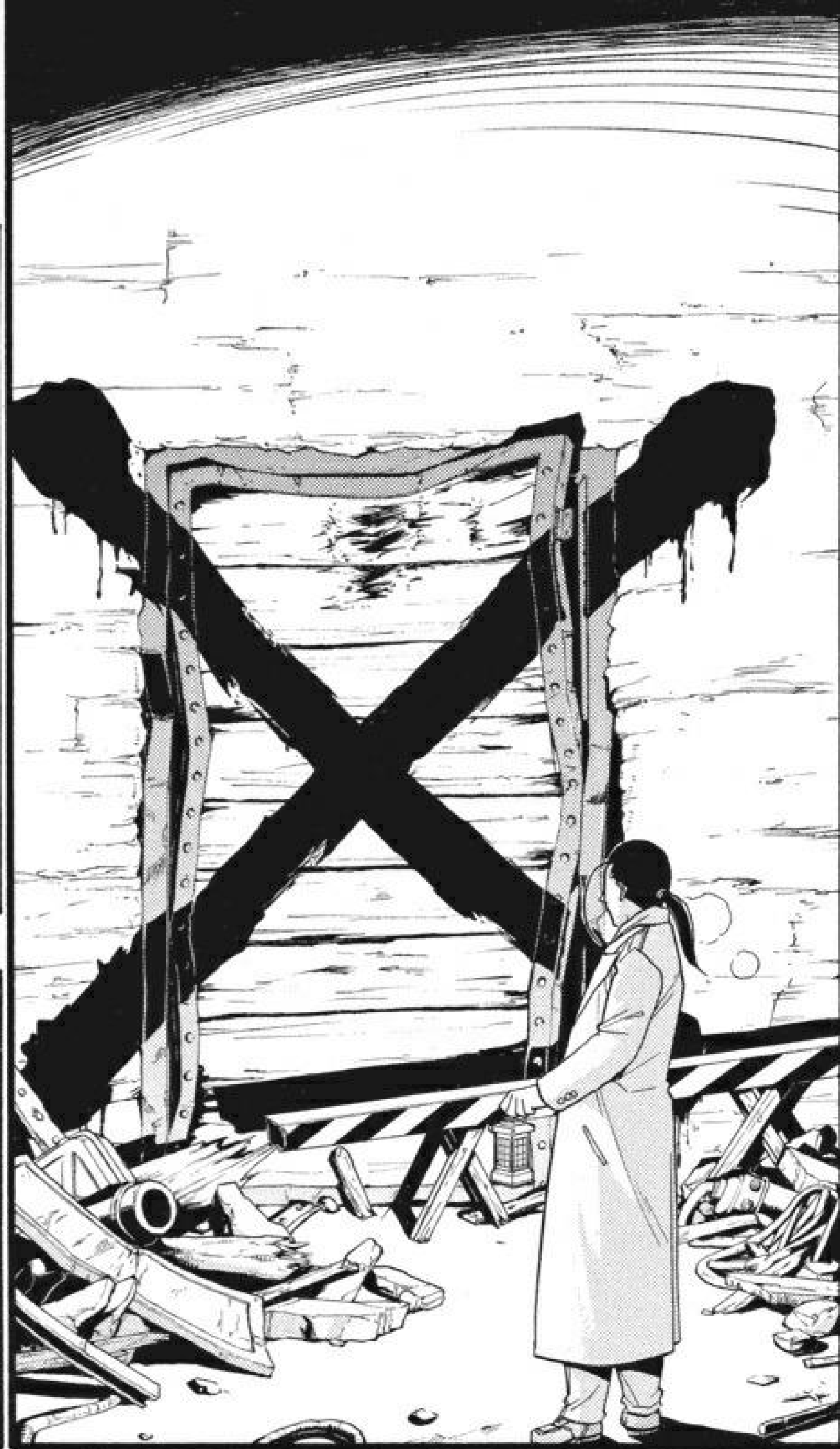
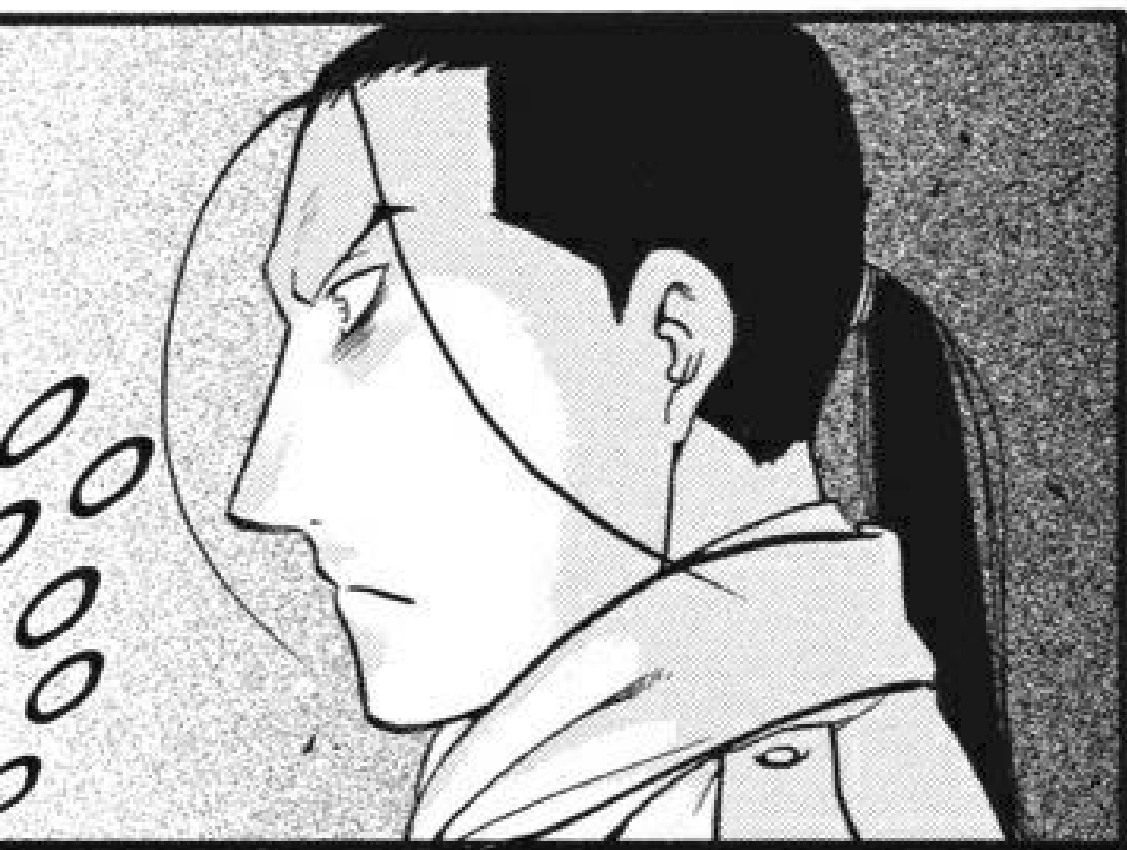
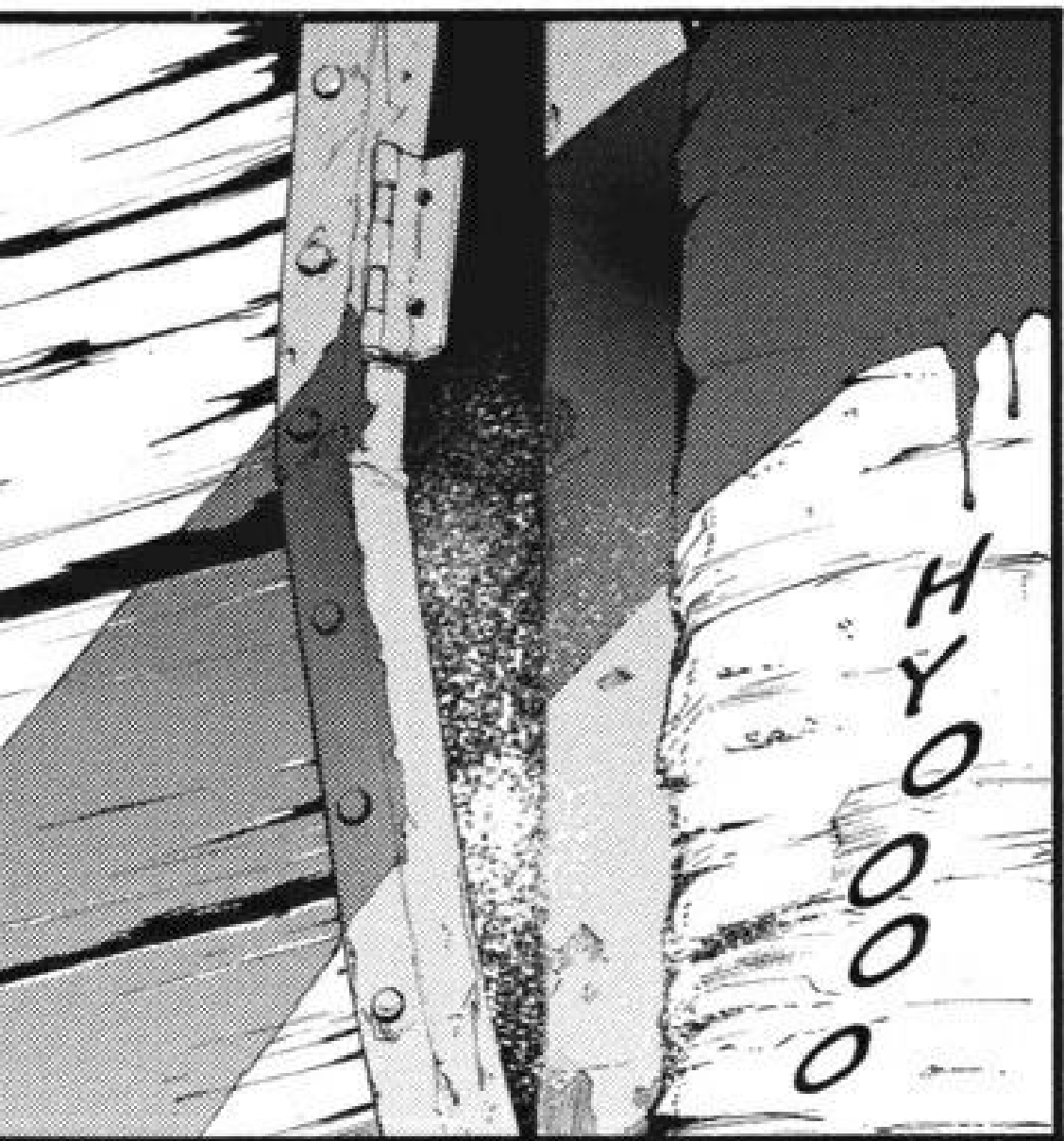


...ACTIVATED
THROUGH
THE
PURIFICATION
ARTS.

IT'S A NEW
AMESTRIAN
NATIONAL
TRANS-
MUTATION
CIRCLE
THAT'S...









YOU'RE
THE RED
LOTUS
ALCHE-
MIST
?



I
SEE.

THEY'RE
USING
THIS PLACE
TO STASH
THE TAILINGS
FROM THE
TUNNEL
SLOTH IS
DIGGING.







THE
TUNNEL
SLOTH
IS
DIGGING
IS
ALMOST
COMPLETE.



HURRY...



THE
FINAL
DAY
IS
ALMOST
HERE.

